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SUBJECT: ANOTHER WAGE INCREASE FOR BLACK MINERS

REF: JOHANNESBURG'S A-36 OF APRIL 16 AND 1093 OF OCTOBER 21, 1974

1. CHAMBER OF MINES HAS ANNOUNCED THAT EFFECTIVE JUNE 1 MINIMUM WAGES FOR BEGINNING BLACK UNDERGROUND WORKERS WILL INCREASE BY 60 CENTS (37 PERCENT) PER SHIFT TO 220 CENTS OR R57.20 PER 26 SHIFT MONTH (PLUS ALLOWANCES).

2. COMMENT: WHILE NEW BEGINNING RATES 4.4 TIMES THOSE IN EFFECT MAY, 1973, INCREASES GRANTED TO WHITE MINERS DURING PAST TWO YEARS HAVE BEEN SO LARGE THAT BLACK-WHITE WAGE GAP HAS SIGNIFICANTLY WIDENED RATHER THAN NARROWED. NEVERTHELESS, NEW 220 CENT RATE (140 CENTS FOR BEGINNING SURFACE WORKERS -- UP 20 CENTS PER SHIFT) WILL PROBABLY STIMULATE RECRUITMENT AT TIME WHEN MINING INDUSTRY STILL TRYING HARD TO COMPENSATE FOR LOSS OF MALAWIANS.

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